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GREENWORLD.
"HOW LONG HAS SHE BEEN LIKE THIS?"
"ABOUT THREE HOURS. THE NAVIGATOR HEARD THEY WERE DISCUSSING PARLIAMENTARY MATTERS WHEN SHE FELL INTO SOME KIND OF WEIRD TRANCE."
IS SHE OKAY? SHOULD WE CHECK--
NO! WE WAIT.
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO DISTURB HER IN THIS STATE.
THEIR WAIT ISN'T LONG.
THUP
NYX, ARE YOU..?
I'M FINE, JIM.
BUT THE 'DEAD ZONES' AREN'T.

"THEY'VE BEEN OPENED -- AND THE RAGE FROM THOSE WHO'VE BEEN WAITING SO LONG, THEY'RE OUT OF CONTROL!"

HELL.

NEAR THE "TOWER OF SCREAMS".

AND ENEMIES HAVE BEEN TARGETED.

FACTIONS HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN SIDES.

SHUNK

WERE YOU TRYING TO ESCAPE, BARBATOS?
AVARON... PLEASE...
YOU HAVEN'T EARNED MY MERCY.
YOUR FATHER MUST THINK VERY LITTLE OF YOU TO HAVE SENT YOU TO DIE HERE TODAY.
YOU'RE THE DEAD MAN, SINN!

DO YOU EVEN UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PLACE? ITS HISTORY?
LET ME EDUCATE YOU.
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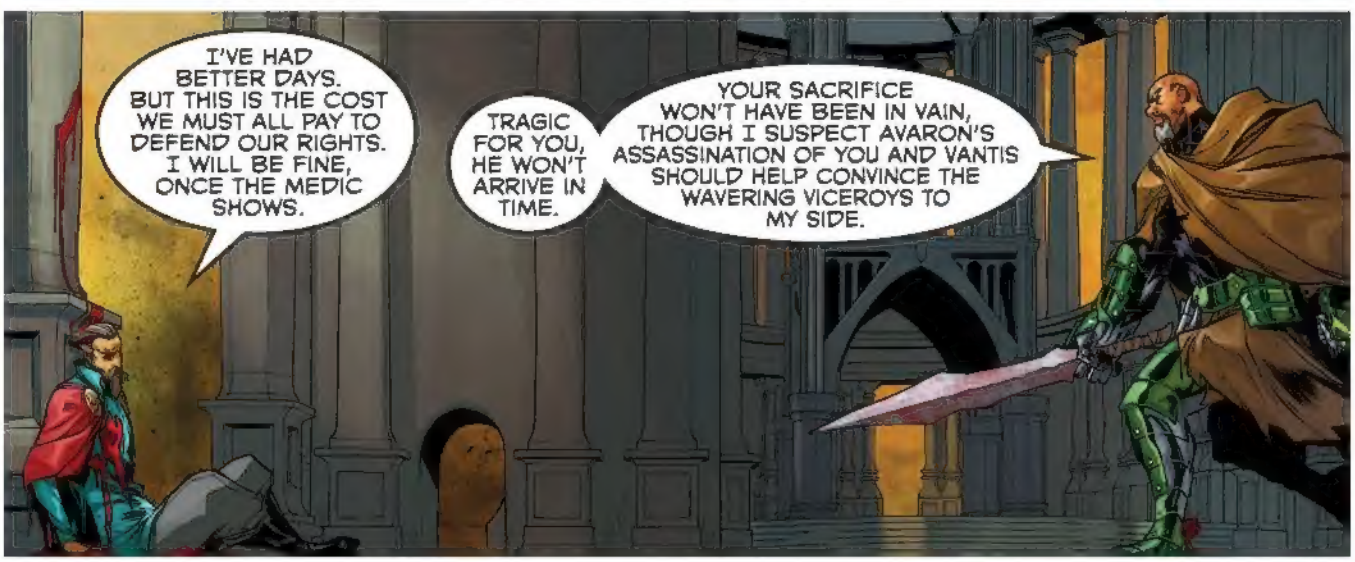
SEVERAL MILES FROM HERE IS THE SITE OF WHAT WAS ONCE THE LARGEST NECROPLASM RESERVOIR IN HELL.
A RESERVOIR THAT, FOR CENTURIES, PROVIDED ENOUGH NECRO-PLASM TO POWER EVERY HELLSPAWN IN HELL'S ARMY.
BUT THAT EXTRACTION PROCESS WAS ALSO RELEASING NECRO-PARTICLES INTO THE AIR THAT CONTAMINATED MUCH OF THE THIRD REALM.
AND EVEN THOUGH THE RESERVOIR IS NOW DRY, THE AIR IS STILL FILLED WITH ITS RESIDUE.

A RESIDUE I'VE BEEN ABSORBING SINCE THE MOMENT I ARRIVED HERE.
SHK

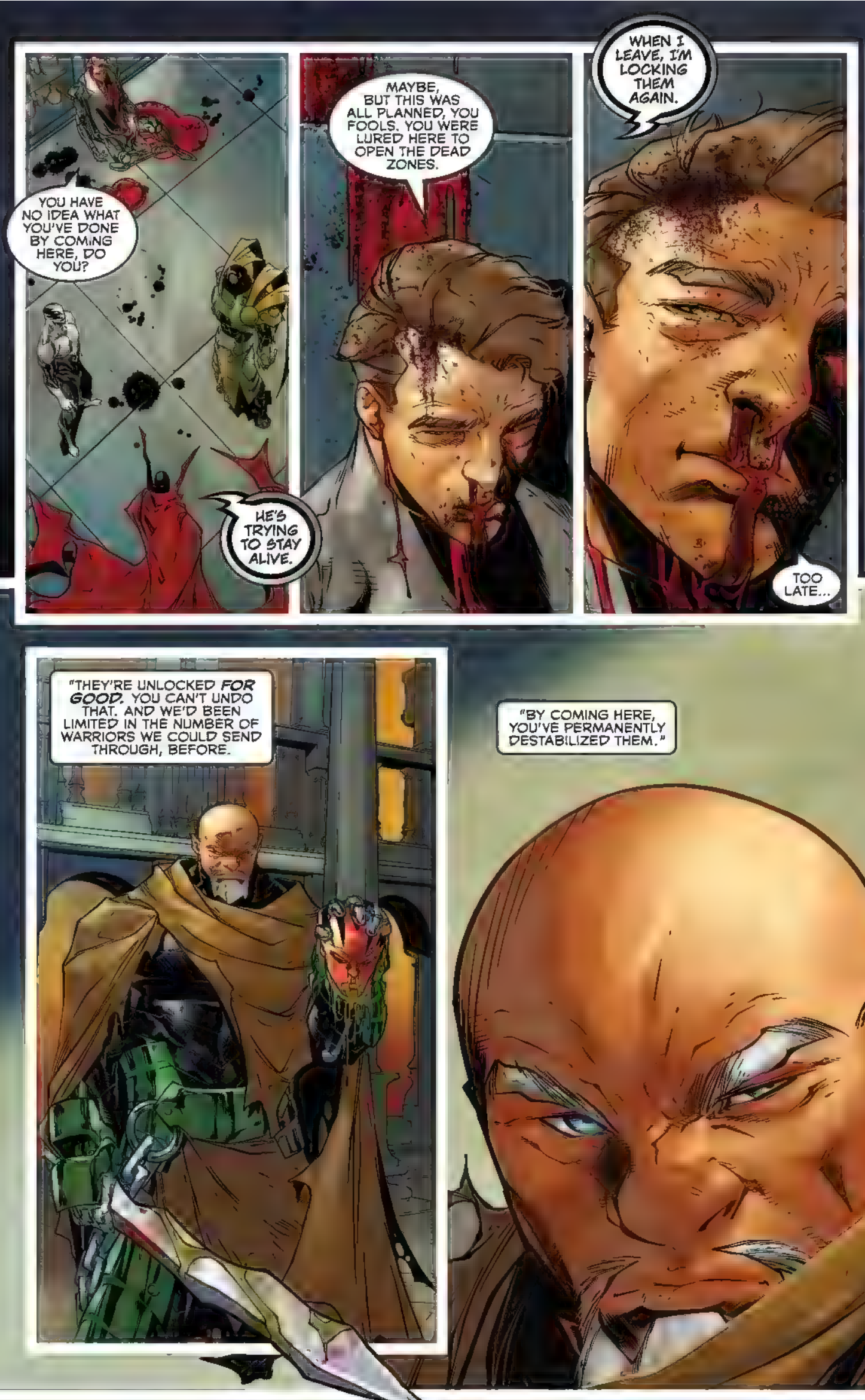
WELL DONE, LORD SINN.
I DON'T KNOW WHO BETRAYED US TO AVARON, BUT I SWEAR, I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO ROOT THEM OUT.
YOU'RE WOUNDED.


I'VE HAD BETTER DAYS. BUT THIS IS THE COST WE MUST ALL PAY TO DEFEND OUR RIGHTS. I WILL BE FINE, ONCE THE MEDIC SHOWS.
TRAGIC FOR YOU, HE WON'T ARRIVE IN TIME.
YOUR SACRIFICE WON'T HAVE BEEN IN VAIN, THOUGH I SUSPECT AVARON'S ASSASSINATION OF YOU AND VANTIS SHOULD HELP CONVINCE THE WAVERING VICEROYS TO MY SIDE.

YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE TRIED TO BLACKMAIL ME, BARBATOS.

SHANK

HEAVEN.
THE PURIFIERS' CITADEL.
SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG, BUT I'VE FINISHED SYNTHESIZING THE ANTIDOTE.
WHENEVER YOU'RE READY, HAUNT.
YOU SURE THIS WILL WORK, KORVOX?
RELATIVELY.
BUT I NOTICED SOMETHING *STRANGE* WHILE DOWNLOADING THE CITADEL DATABASE...
IT SEEMS DEMON'S-BANE POISON ISN'T FATAL.
WHAT?!
IT MAKES ITS TARGET DELIRIOUS, WEAK--IT SEVERELY WEAKENS THEM BUT IT DOESN'T KILL.
WHY WOULD SOMEONE INFECT ME WITH SOME-THING LIKE THAT?


YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'VE DONE BY COMING HERE, DO YOU?
HE'S TRYING TO STAY ALIVE.
MAYBE, BUT THIS WAS ALL PLANNED, YOU FOOLS. YOU WERE LURED HERE TO OPEN THE DEAD ZONES.
WHEN I LEAVE, I'M LOCKING THEM AGAIN.
TOO LATE...
"THEY'RE UNLOCKED *FOR GOOD.* YOU CAN'T UNDO THAT. AND WE'D BEEN LIMITED IN THE NUMBER OF WARRIORS WE COULD SEND THROUGH, BEFORE.
"BY COMING HERE, YOU'VE PERMANENTLY DESTABILIZED THEM."

"GIVING US THE POWER TO FINALLY BE ABLE TO LAUNCH A *FULL SCALE INVASION INTO HELL ITSELF.*

"THERE WASN'T A BRIDGE BETWEEN OUR TWO DOMAINS BEFORE. ***THERE IS NOW!***"

"AND AT THIS VERY MOMENT A STAGGERING BUILDUP OF WARRIORS ARE POURING THROUGH EVERY 'DEAD ZONE'
"THEY'RE ABLE TO BYPASS EARTH ALTOGETHER, SENDING OUR FORCES *DIRECTLY* INTO HELL TO BEGIN OUR AMBUSHING."

WE HAVE YOU TO THANK FOR THAT.
HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH, SPAWN. I HAVE DRONES SET UP.
LOOK!
HOW DID YOU DO THIS?
OH, THAT'S THE BEST PART...

IT'S BECAUSE OF HAUNT.
SCREW YOU
HAUNTS ARE CREATURES OF CHAOS, ABOMINATIONS THAT WERE NEVER SUPPOSED TO TRAVEL THROUGH DEAD ZONES.
WHEN YOU BROUGHT HIM THROUGH ONE, A DESTRUCTIVE CHAIN REACTION WENT OFF THAT BUILT UNTIL IT DISRUPTED EACH OF THE DEAD ZONES.
THAT'S WHY HE WAS POISONED, WE NEEDED HIM AS BAIT.
AND YOU TOOK IT.
REVERSE IT. NOW!

THE DEAD ZONES DON'T BELONG TO YOU ANYMORE.
YOU'VE LOST.

I HAVE TO CLOSE THE PORTALS AGAIN, AND IF I HAVE TO LEAVE YOU HERE TO DO THAT, I WILL.
FINE. GO!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY LIVES WILL BE LOST BECAUSE OF THIS?
DON'T PIN THIS ON ME! YOU'RE THE ONE THAT KNOWS EVERYTHING. HOW'D YOU MISS SOMETHING *THIS BIG*?!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
HEAVEN'S FORCES ARE ON THEIR WAY, SO IF YOU WANT ANY HOPE OF GETTING BACK TO EARTH, I SUGGEST YOU JOIN ME AT THE *TELE-PORTER*.

PRESS FORWARD TIME TO TAKE BACK OUR TERRITORIES
MULTI COLORS OF BLOOD SPILL AS EACH HOUR PASSES, THINNING THE RANKS FROM BOTH SIDES!
AND TO CLEANSE THE UNIVERSE OF ITS NEUX EXISTENCE
WITH EACH FALLEN WARRIOR BEING TOSSED INTO AN ABYSS FOR THE DAMNED
UNTIL THE DAY SOMEONE ATTEMPTED TO TURN THE TIDE
NO! NOW!

AND PUT GOD ON DEFENSE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE

BY THE END OF THIS PARTICULAR BATTLE, CASUALTIES HAD ALREADY REACHED INTO THE THOUSANDS AS HEAVEN'S FORCES SWEPT ACROSS THE KINGDOM
THE BATTLE OF THE SCREAMS AS IT BECAME KNOWN WAS ONE OF THE RARE INSTANCES WHEN HELL SUCCEEDED IN REPELLING ITS INVADERS
DEATH TO THEM ALL!
NO MATTER WHAT SIDE THE DEMONS HAD PREVIOUSLY VOWED LOYALTY TO, IN THIS BATTLE ALL WERE UNITED BY THE END

FOR CATACLYSM'S FOLLOWERS, THE WORLD BEFORE THE INVASION WOULD NO LONGER MATTER.
BECAUSE IN TIMES OF CRISIS, THEY HAD BEEN SINN—NOT THEIR KING WHO WOULD COME TO DEFEND THEM—TO PROTECT THEM.

WORD OF OUR VICTORIES IS SPREADING.
WE'VE ALREADY RECEIVED MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FROM SEVERAL LOCAL LORDS COMING TO JOIN IN OUR CAUSE.
WE HAVE THE MAKINGS OF A FORMIDABLE FORCE WITH BARBATOS' AND VANTIS' ARMIES NOW AT OUR DISPOSAL, AND IT'LL ONLY GROW IN THE COMING WEEKS.
GOOD. NO POINT IN US HIDING ANY LONGER, CATACLYSM ALREADY KNOWS OUR PLANS.
AND HEAVEN? DOES THEIR ARRIVAL CHANGE THINGS?
IT COMPLICATES MATTERS, CERTAINLY, BUT I'LL FIND A WAY TO TURN IT TO OUR ADVANTAGE.

"FOR NOW, SAVOR TODAY'S VICTORY, CADICLUS. ITS MEMORY WILL FORTIFY US FOR THE LONG, GRUELING ROAD AHEAD.
"OUR ENEMIES, WE KNOW, WILL ATTEMPT TO USE EVERYTHING AT THEIR DISPOSAL IN TRYING TO STOP US.
"BUT REST ASSURED, THOUGH, THAT IN THE END...
"...EACH OF THEM, ONE BY ONE, WILL FAIL."
AT WHICH POINT I WILL TAKE MY RIGHTFUL PLACE ON HELL'S THRONE!

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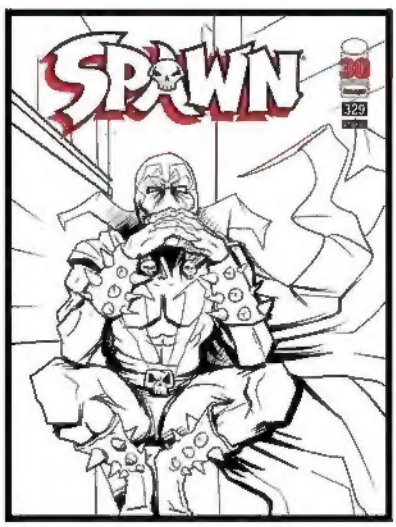

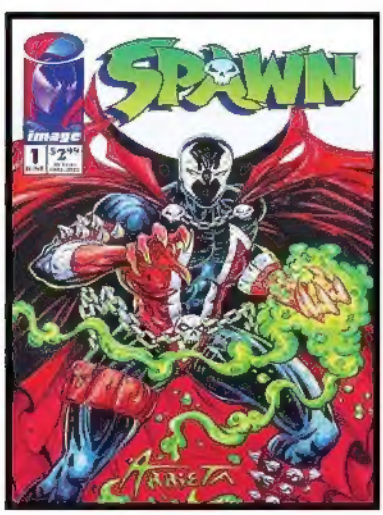

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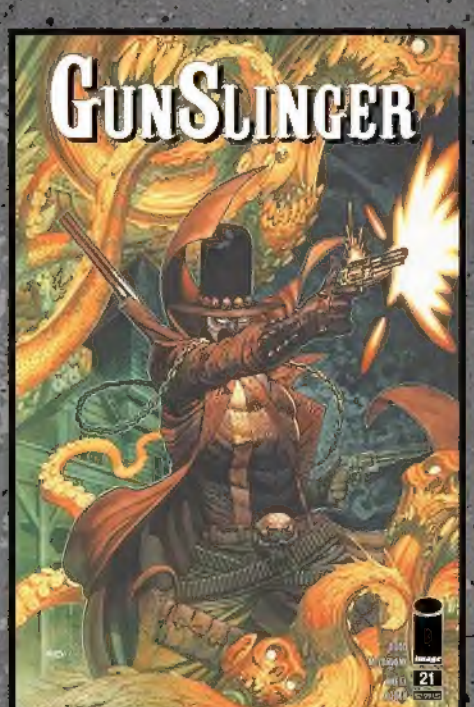

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